

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In Re:

The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.,

Case No.: 20-10322-CLB

Chapter: 11

Debtor.

NOTICE OF FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the Order entered July 9, 2020 [Docket No. 442] *Nunc Pro Tunc* to February 28, 2020, Connors LLP has filed the Monthly Fee Statement of Connors LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses as Special Counsel to The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., for the Period June 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

DATED: Buffalo, New York
 August 2, 2023

s/ Randall D. White
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MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF CONNORS LLP
FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO
THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO, N.Y.
FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

Name of Applicant:	Connors LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Debtor-in-Possession
Date of Retention:	Order entered July 9, 2020 [Docket No. 442] <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> to February 28, 2020
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	June 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	80% of \$28,825.00 (\$23,060.00)
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$606.80

This is a: X monthly quarterly final application.

This is the monthly fee statement of Connors LLP in this case.

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July 24, 2023

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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

06/01/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with investigator regarding investigation.	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00
06/02/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Communications with Chancery representatives regarding media issues.	0.20 hrs.	250 /hr	50.00
06/06/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding next meeting (.3); communication with Chancery representative regarding sending materials to Independent Review Board members and setting date for next meeting (.2); communication with Chancery representative and Victim Assistance Coordinator regarding request for pastoral support (.3); prepare memorandum regarding same (.3).	1.10 hrs.	250 /hr	275.00
06/07/2023	LFQ	(Misc) Work on audit required by USCCB.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
06/08/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with Independent Review Board member (.2); communications with investigator regarding status of investigation (.2); communications with Victim	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00

		Assistance Coordinator regarding request for pastoral assistance (.2).			
06/09/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with Independent Review Board Chair, Chancery representative, and Board members regarding next Board meeting (2.1); communications with two investigators regarding same (.4); communications with attorneys for priests and accusers (.6).	3.10 hrs.	250 /hr	775.00
06/10/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents for next Independent Review Board meeting (.5); communications with investigators (.3); work on document regarding all matters sent to Rome (2.1).	2.90 hrs.	250 /hr	725.00
06/19/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with Victims Assistance Coordinator regarding request from victim-survivor for special assistance.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
06/20/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with investigator (.4); communication with attorney for priest (.2); several communications with Independent Review Board Chair (.4); communications with victim-survivor regarding participating in investigation (.3).	1.30 hrs.	250 /hr	325.00
06/20/2023	RMV	(Misc) Identify and archive all claims that need to be included in the annual audit.	0.70 hrs.	100 /hr	70.00
06/22/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Review documents provided by Chancery representative regarding matters sent to Rome (.3); communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding same (.4);	1.10 hrs.	250 /hr	275.00

		communication with investigator regarding status of investigation (.2); communications with priest's attorney regarding appearing at next Independent Review Board meeting (.2).			
06/23/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents for next week's Independent Review Board meeting (4.7); communications with investigator regarding same (.4); communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding same (.3).	5.40 hrs.	250 /hr	1,350.00
06/24/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents for Thursday's Independent Review Board meeting (2.3); communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding same (.4).	2.70 hrs.	250 /hr	675.00
06/26/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with Chancery representative regarding matters sent to Rome (.2); several communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding several issues to be addressed at Thursday's Independent Review Board meeting (.8); work on responding to instructions from Independent Review Board Chair (.7); prepare documents for Independent Review Board meeting (.7); communications with victim-survivor regarding appearing at Independent Review Board meeting (.5).	2.90 hrs.	250 /hr	725.00
06/27/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with Chancery representative regarding Independent Review Board meeting (.2); communications with investigator regarding same (.2); communications with	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00

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		attorney for priests regarding appearing at meeting (.2).			
06/28/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Communications with attorney for priest regarding request to Diocese (.3); communications with Chancery representative regarding same (.2); communications with Independent Review Board Chair regarding Independent Review Board meeting (.3); communications with victim-survivor regarding appearing at Independent Review Board meeting (.3); prepare for Independent Review Board meeting (1.4).	2.50 hrs.	250 /hr	625.00
06/28/2023	RMV	(Misc) Begin creating working excel spreadsheet for completing the annual audit.	1.00 hrs.	100 /hr	100.00
06/29/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Prepare for Independent Review Board meeting (1.5); attend Independent Review Board meeting (3.8).	5.30 hrs.	250 /hr	1,325.00
06/30/2023	LFQ	(Independent Review Board) Work on documents requested by Independent Review Board (2.4); communications with Independent Review Board Chair and secretary regarding same (.7); communication with Chancery representative regarding same (.2).	3.30 hrs.	250 /hr	825.00
Total fees for this matter					\$8,720.00

BILLING SUMMARY

Quinlan, Lawlor F. III	Partner	34.20 hrs	250 /hr	8,550.00
Valkwitch, Rachel M.	Legal Assistant	1.70 hrs	100 /hr	170.00
TOTAL FEES		35.90 hrs		\$8,720.00
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL				\$8,720.00

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CHILD VICTIMS ACT

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

06/01/2023	RDW	Telephone conference with BSK regarding possible meeting with Committee (.7); preparation for above call (.8); follow-up work on possible meeting and related issues (3.5); communications with Terrence M. Connors and Lawlor F. Quinlan III regarding above (.4); emails regarding Second Circuit third-party release decision (.2).	5.60 hrs.	250 /hr	1,400.00
06/01/2023	TMC	Review of Second Circuit decision regarding third-party releases (.5); communications with Randall D. White regarding possible meeting with Committee (.8).	1.30 hrs.	250 /hr	325.00
06/02/2023	RDW	Telephone conference with BSK regarding possible Committee meeting (.8); preparation for above call (.6); follow-up on possible meeting and related issues (1.9); emails with BSK regarding above (.4).	3.70 hrs.	250 /hr	925.00
06/03/2023	RDW	Review of file regarding relevant information for and issues concerning proposed meeting with Committee.	2.30 hrs.	250 /hr	575.00
06/04/2023	RDW	Review of file and preparation of detailed email to BSK regarding possible meeting with Committee.	1.70 hrs.	250 /hr	425.00
06/05/2023	LFQ	Communication with Chancery	0.20 hrs.	250 /hr	50.00

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		representative regarding Adult Survivor Act Claim.			
06/05/2023	RDW	Review of email from BSK and draft letter regarding meeting with Committee (1.4); email response to BSK regarding above (.7).	2.10 hrs.	250 /hr	525.00
06/05/2023	TMC	Respond to request from Randall D. White and provide information regarding Committee meeting, related issues, and communication with BSK.	1.10 hrs.	250 /hr	275.00
06/06/2023	LFQ	Communications with attorney for Religious Order regarding obtaining records from Diocese.	0.40 hrs.	250 /hr	100.00
06/06/2023	TMC	Providing background information to Lawlor F. Quinlan III regarding a survivor who has applied for additional pastoral assistance (.4); email correspondence regarding a request from the Office of General Counsel of the USCCB regarding BSA Chapter 11 bankruptcy and contacting Diocese (.4).	0.80 hrs.	250 /hr	200.00
06/07/2023	RDW	Review of file in preparation for upcoming Diocese document review with BSK (4.8); emails with BSK and Diocese regarding above (.4).	5.20 hrs.	250 /hr	1,300.00
06/07/2023	TMC	Providing response to USCCB inquiry regarding BSA bankruptcy.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
06/08/2023	RDW	Meeting with BSK and Diocese to review documents at Diocese (6.5); emails with Diocese and BSK regarding above and follow-up (.3); further follow-up work on document review (2.0).	8.80 hrs.	250 /hr	2,200.00
06/08/2023	EJG	Meeting with Randall D. White regarding privilege review at the Diocese (.1); preparation for privilege review at the Diocese (.4).	0.50 hrs.	100 /hr	50.00

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06/09/2023	RDW	Continue work on follow-up items from meeting at Diocese (6.4); emails to Diocese and BSK regarding above (1.4).	7.80 hrs.	250 /hr	1,950.00
06/09/2023	EJG	Preparation for privilege review at the Diocese (4.9); meeting with Randall D. White about privilege review at the Diocese (.6).	5.50 hrs.	100 /hr	550.00
06/10/2023	RDW	Review of file and research in preparation for privilege review and to respond to BSK inquiry.	4.20 hrs.	250 /hr	1,050.00
06/10/2023	TMC	Confer with Randall D. White regarding meeting and related issues.	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00
06/11/2023	RDW	Review of file and emails regarding meeting with Committee.	0.70 hrs.	250 /hr	175.00
06/12/2023	RDW	Review of draft confidentiality agreement and email comments to BSK (.5); preparation for and do privilege review at Diocese (5.5); preparation for and telephone conference with BSK regarding above (1.0); research and emails regarding revisions to confidentiality agreement (1.8); further emails with BSK and Diocese regarding above (1.0).	9.80 hrs.	250 /hr	2,450.00
06/12/2023	TMC	Confer with Randall D. White regarding meeting with Committee.	0.30 hrs.	250 /hr	75.00
06/12/2023	EJG	Review for privileged documents at the Diocese.	6.60 hrs.	100 /hr	660.00
06/13/2023	RDW	Preparation for and privilege review at Diocese (3.2); preparation for and telephone conference with BSK regarding above and further document review (.9); review of file and research regarding response to BSK inquiry (1.9).	6.00 hrs.	250 /hr	1,500.00
06/13/2023	EJG	Review for privileged documents at the Diocese.	2.20 hrs.	100 /hr	220.00
06/14/2023	TMC	Confer with Randall D. White	0.60 hrs.	250 /hr	150.00

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regarding Committee meeting.

06/22/2023	TMC	Preparation for and participation in a conference call with the attorneys for other NYS Dioceses regarding investigations and possible impact on Diocese of Buffalo.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
06/22/2023	RDW	Participate in interim fee application hearing.	0.50 hrs.	250 /hr	125.00
06/26/2023	RDW	Receipt and review of email from BSK regarding meeting with Committee (.3); preparation of email response (.5); review of file to prepare more detailed further response (1.2).	2.00 hrs.	250 /hr	500.00
06/27/2023	RDW	Preparation of detailed email response to BSK regarding Committee meeting.	1.50 hrs.	250 /hr	375.00
06/28/2023	RDW	Email response to Diocese inquiry regarding meeting with Committee (1.2); telephone conference with BSK regarding above (.3); emails with BSK regarding above (.5); follow-up work in preparation for meeting (2.9).	4.90 hrs.	250 /hr	1,225.00
06/29/2023	RDW	Continued work on issues regarding meeting with Committee.	1.40 hrs.	250 /hr	350.00

Total fees for this matter

\$20,105.00

DISBURSEMENTS

06/30/2023	COMPUTER RESEARCH - WESTLAW	64.90
06/30/2023	MAY MONTHLY HOSTING/DATA STORAGE	541.90
	Total disbursements for this matter	\$606.80

BILLING SUMMARY

Connors, Terrence M.	Partner	5.70 hrs	250 /hr	1,425.00
White, Randall D.	Partner	68.20 hrs	250 /hr	17,050.00
Quinlan, Lawlor F. III	Partner	0.60 hrs	250 /hr	150.00
Gay, Emily J.	Legal Assistant	14.80 hrs	100 /hr	1,480.00
TOTAL FEES		89.30 hrs		\$20,105.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$606.80
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TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL	\$20,711.80
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